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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA

REF: PORT LOUIS 843

1. MISOFF TALKED TO RAMPHUL 23 OCTOBER. THE LATTER CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER RAMBOOLAM TO VOTE FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, BUT OPINED THAT FRIENDLIES DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOTES. MISOFF ASSURED HIM THAT WE HAD SUFFICIENT VOTES TO PASS THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

2. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF MAURITIAN SUPPORT FOR PRIORITY RAMPHUL AGREED WITH MISOFF THAT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, IT FOLLOWED THAT HE SHOULD VOTE FOR PRIORITY. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE INDIAN POSITION OF ABSTAINING ON PRIORITY. HE SAID THAT ON THE PRIORITY ISSUE HE FELT HE HAD SUFFICIENT LOCAL LATITUDE TO VOTE FOR PRIORITY OR ABSTAIN AND THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT LOCALLY.

3. WISH TO POINT OUT TO PORT LOUIS THAT THE PRIORITY ISSUE MAY COME UP FIRST AND THAT ONCE THIS ISSUE IS DECIDED
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THE VOTES ON THE FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS

COULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. THEREFORE, THERE PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE TIME FOR RAMPHUL TO OBTAIN FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS CAPITAL. BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMBASSADRO MANHARD TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO CONVINCE RAMGOOLAM TO SUPPORT FULLY THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND IN PARTICULAR ITS PRIORITY OF VOTING, FOR IF WE LOSE PRIORITY, WE ARE TACTICALLY IN A MORE DANGEROUS POSITION WITH THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

4. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD OF THREE VOTES BACK-TO-BACK (I.E. PRIORITY, FRIENDLY RES, HOSTILE RES.), IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE IF RAMGOOLAM WOULD INSTRUCT RAMPHUL TO VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IF THERE IS NOT TIME TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
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